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1. UK AMB JAMIESON TOLD MISOFF THAT SOVS (KOLESNIK AND SMIRNOV) TOLD HIM 8 OCT THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS NOW CALL FOR OPPOSITION TO ANY LOS CONF IN 1974 INCLUDING ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION IN 1973. ACCORDING TO JAMIESON, SOVS COULD AGREE TO FURTHER SBC SESSIONS OR AD HOC NEGOTIATING GROUP BUT OPPOSE CONF. IF GA PASSES RES ESTABLISHING CONF SOVS WILL RESERVE THEIR POSITION ON ATTENDANCE. SOVS, SAYS JAMIESON, CONSIDER PREPARATORY WORK INADEQUATE, AND THEY BELIEVE CONF SHOULD ONLY HAVE TO RATIFY WHAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN AGREED TO. LOS CONF AT THIS STATE OF PREPARATION POSES THREAT OF PRODUCING, THROUGH SHEER NUMERICAL STRENGTH, A CONVENTION SOVS COULD NOT LIVE WITH.

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ACCORDING TO SOVS, JAMIESON SAID, LDCS HAVE NO

INCENTIVE TO NEGOTIATE AND WILL SIMPLY TAKE NON-ALIGNED TEXTS AND VOTE THEM THRU. UK MISOFF (STEELE) REPORTEDLY (BLUNTLY) ASKED SOVS WHAT STATES MIGHT JOIN BOYCOTT (THINKING OF CERTAIN LAS) BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER. (COMMENT: WHEN ESSENCE OF ABOVE WAS LATER MENTIONED TO AMERASINGHE HE STATED AWARENESS SOVS WOULD TAKE THIS POSITION BUT CLAIMS THEY WILL BE BADLY ISOLATED. "ASIANS AND AFRICANS WANT CONF TO TAKE PLACE.")

2. JAMIESON REPORTEDLY PRESSED ON WITH QUESTIONS ANYWAY AND SOVS TOLD HIM THAT IF THEY DID ATTEND CONF THEY WOULD SEEK RULING CALLING FOR CONSENSUS OR AT LEAST 9/10 VOTE IN GENERAL COMITE (GC) BEFORE ISSUE VOTED IN PLENARY (SIC). THEY WOULD REJECT VIENNA FORMULA AND SEEK "ALL STATES" PARTICIPATION.

3. JAPAN AMB OGISO ALSO LISTENED TO JAMIESON'S REPORT AND STATED GOJ NOT OPPOSED TO CONF AS SCHEDULED OR TWO SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS IN 1974, BUT SOV OPPOSITION "OFFERS NEW ELEMENT." OGISO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED CONCERN ABOUT DANGER OF SHEER NUMBERS FORCING ISSUES THUR PLENARY AND WOULD SEEK RULE CALLING FOR AT LEAST 4/5 AGREEMENT IN PLENARY (SIC). FURTHER, JAPAN INSISTS ON GC MEMBERSHIP AND, TO ACQUIRE IT WOULD SUPPORT 35 MEMBERS: 5 PERMANENTS, 8 AF, 7 AS, 6 WE, 6 LA, AND 3 EE. JAPAN WOULD FURTHER SEEK DELAY ON ANY FINAL DECISIONS UNTIL 1975. OGISO NOTED THAT WITHOUT PROTECTION DCS WOULD BE POWERLESS TO STOP UNACCEPTABLE FINAL TREATY.

4. BOTH JAMIESON AND OGISO BELIEVE BEST TACTIC NOW IS TO LET SOVS SPEAK FIRST ON THEIR POSITION AND FOR DCS NOT TO GIVE ANY IMPRESSION SOVS ARE ISOLATED. COMMENT: WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND AND, TO EXTENT WE DO, DO NOT SHARE THIS VIEW.

5. MISOFF LATER FOUND OPPORTUNITY FOR QUIET EXCHANGE WITH STAVROPOULOS WHO SAID THAT KOLESNIK HAD ONLY LAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEEK BEEN IN STAVROPOULOS' OFFICE ASKING A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS ON DETAILS OF LIKELY LOS CONFERENCE PROCEDURES. STAVROPOULOS SAID THAT KOLESNIK GAVE NO APPEARANCE OF BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A POWER ABOUT TO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN, OR WORK ACTIVELY AGAINST, A CONFERENCE. HE SPECULATED THAT THE APPARENT SOVIET POSITION MIGHT BE TACTICAL AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO SEE WHETHER ASSURANCES OF A QUASI-CONSENSUS

CHARACTER MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED.

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